

PHALÆNA ERYCINA.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Antennæ setaceæ, a basi ad apicem sensim attenuatæ.

Alæ (sedentis) sæpius deflexæ (volatu nocturno.)

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

PHALÆNA pectinicornis, alis subfalcato-rotundatis luteo ferrugineoque variis, macula fenestrata solitaria.

PHALÆNA HESPERUS?

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 809.

Si revera sit hæc eadem ac phalæna Hesperus Linnæi, (quod valde dubitem), miror sane sagacem illum et acutum physicum phalænæ Atlanti adeo affinem eam putasse, ut ab illa, quasi distincta species dissociari non posset. Atlanti similem esse eam certissimum est; illico tamen percutit oblectatque oculos longe major elegantia et pulchritudo. Ad omnem igitur, quantum potui, confusionem evitandam, phalænam hanc elegantem nomine penitus diverso distinxi, quod tum speciem a prædicta satis sejungit, tum insolitam ipsius insecti venustatem quodammodo exprimit.



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ERYCINA.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Antennæ fetaceous, gradually decreasing from the base to the tip.

Wings (when sitting) generally deflex: flight nocturnal.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

PHALÆNA with feathered antennæ, wings rounded and very slightly inclining to the falcated form: varied with yellow and ferruginous, with a large ovate transparent spot on each.

La VITRÉE de CAYENNE.

D'Aubent. pl. enl. 66.

If this insect be really the *Phalæna Hesperus* of Linnæus, which I am greatly inclined to doubt, it seems surprizing that he should have conceived it so very nearly allied to the *Phalæna Atlas*, as scarce to admit of a specific separation. To the *Phalæna Atlas* it indeed bears a general resemblance, but is an insect of still greater elegance and beauty than
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that magnificent species: in order, therefore, to prevent as much as possible, all confusion on the subject, I have affixed a new name, which will at once sufficiently distinguish it from the former, and at the same time will serve in some measure to express the superior elegance of the animal itself.